

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This ~~patent claims the benefit~~ application is filed under 35[[],] U.S.C. §120 and §365(c) as a continuation of International Patent Application PCT/DE02/02830, filed August 1, 2002 and published February 27, 2003, [[and]] which application is incorporated by reference herein. This ~~patent~~ application also claims priority of German Patent Application No. 101 38 570.6, filed August 6, 2001, which application is incorporated herein by reference.